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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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1. PENULTIMATE AND FINAL PARAGRAPHS OF SUGGESTED TOAST  
IN PARA 3 REFTTEL, BEGINNING "THE GREAT GOAL WE SHARE..."  
AND "IN THAT SPIRIT..." INADVERTENTLY PICKED UP WORDING  
USED IN TOAST FROM EARLIER VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. THEREFORE,  
PLEASE SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING:

2. QUOTE: WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON IS TOO IMPORTANT  
TO PERMIT DWELLING ON POINTS WHERE WE MAY DIVERGE.  
YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES MAY APPEAR OUTWARDLY TO  
DIFFER, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY THEY HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. YOU  
ARE CONSIDERED A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND WE DEVELOPED.  
BUT BOTH OF US ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT IMPROVING THE  
QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR SOCIEITES. WE ARE BOTH  
NATIONS OF MANY PEOPLES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ECONOMIC  
AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING IN THE PARTICIPATORY  
INSTITUTIONS OF OUR FEDERALIZED SYSTEMS. YOU ARE  
COMMITTED TO NON-ALIGNMENT AND WE HAVE FOREIGN  
COMMITMENTS, BUT OUR ULTIMATE GOALS--PEACE, INTER-  
NATIONAL WELL-BEING, AND SECURITY--ARE REALLY THE  
SAME. THUS, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE SHARE COMMON  
ASPIRATIONS, FOR IDEOLOGICAL LABELS DO NOT CHANGE MENS'  
HEARTS.

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3. EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT, AS THE BASIS OF OUR RELATIONS, REQUIRE EACH OF US TO RECOGNIZE THE OTHER NATION'S RIGHT TO ITS CHOSEN COURSE AT HOME AND ABROAD. WE ACCEPT AND SUPPORT YUGOSLAVIA AS IT IS: SOCIALLY SELF-MANAGED, NON-ALIGNED, INDEPENDENT AND UNITED.

4. WE VALUE AND RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO FRIENDLY, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS AND TO OUR JOINT ENDEAVOR TO FIND ANSWERS TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF PEACE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING AND HUMAN PROGRESS.

5. IN THAT SPIRIT I RAISE MY GLASS IN A TOAST TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT TITO. END QUOTE.

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